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GOVERNOR GRANHOLM'S PLAN TO TRANSFORM MICHIGAN'S ECONOMY

Governor Jennifer Granholm has developed the nation's most comprehensive and aggressive economic plan. Despite the fiscal mess she inherited and the indifference of the administration in Washington, the Governor's \$6 billion *Jobs Today, Jobs Tomorrow* economic plan will create jobs and boost Michigan's economy without sacrificing our quality of life. The plan will protect the jobs we have, create new jobs now, create the jobs we need for future, and invest in the education and health of Michigan's people. Governor Granholm will "go anywhere and do anything" to create, retain, and grow jobs in Michigan, and she'll fight the policies that would outsource our jobs; she puts Michigan first.

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Creating Jobs Today

The \$3.8 billion Jobs Today initiative is putting tens of thousands of Michigan citizens to work by accelerating 10 years of road and bridge construction work, nursing home improvement and pollution cleanup projects. She's putting people to work today and making Michigan work better.

Diversifying to Create Jobs Tomorrow

Many have talked about diversifying Michigan's economy, but Governor Granholm took action. Her 21st Century Jobs Fund is a \$2 billion initiative to create thousands of good-paying jobs that won't be outsourced and that will keep our kids in Michigan. It will diversify our economy by attracting the high-growth industries of tomorrow – life sciences, alternative energy, advanced manufacturing, and homeland security.

Connecting Workers to Today's Jobs

The new MI Opportunity Partnership connects those seeking work with jobs that are available right now and helps others get the skills they need to land good paying jobs. In its first year of operation, the Partnership has already helped 107,000 people get jobs.

Preparing All Students for Success

Governor Granholm believes in the promise of public education and that every child should have the opportunity to attend college or get technical training. Thanks to the Governor's leadership, all high school students will now be required – for the first time – to complete a rigorous curriculum. Her New Merit Scholarship Award will guarantee a \$4,000 scholarship to all Michigan students who continue their education beyond high school.

Make Health Care Affordable and Accessible for Everyone

In the last three years, more than 292,000 Michigan citizens have gained access to health care and prescription drug benefits thanks to Governor Granholm's initiatives. Now, through her Michigan First Health Care Plan, the Governor is making affordable health care universally accessible to everyone in Michigan.

Continually Improving Michigan's Business Climate

The Governor has signed 59 targeted tax cuts for businesses, including a \$600 million cut for our manufacturers that encourages the *insourcing* of jobs. She balanced the budget in the face of unprecedented deficits and has reduced permitting time for some business permits by 60 percent. She is also creating strong cities to anchor regional economies and attract a young, educated workforce.

Protecting Michigan's Quality of Life

Granholtz believes education, health care, a healthy environment and public safety are the key ingredients of a good life for Michigan families and has fought hard to protect them despite the state's fiscal challenges.

THERE'S MORE TO DO, BUT THE PLAN IS ALREADY PAYING OFF...

✓ **Businesses are choosing Michigan**

Keebler relocated its headquarters from Illinois to Battle Creek. Toyota is putting 400 people to work in York Township at its new Technical Center. Whirlpool is consolidating its operations in Benton Harbor, creating hundreds of new jobs. Since 2003, more than 90 companies have chosen Michigan over a dozen other states, and 17 companies have moved their headquarters to Michigan. As a result of her two trips to Japan, Granholtz brought 1,032 new jobs and \$245 million in investments to Michigan.

✓ **Michigan's business climate is the 8th best in the nation**

Governor Granholtz has eliminated \$4 billion in deficits without increasing general taxes, and she believes Michigan's business taxes must allow our state to compete in the battle for jobs. Today, Michigan's business tax burden is below the national average, and only 12 states have lower state and local business taxes, according to the Council on State Taxation.

✓ **Jobs are being created today**

Her Jobs Today Initiative is putting tens of thousands of citizens to work right now, improving roads, bridges and nursing homes in communities around this state. The Governor has expanded the initiative by providing funds to put local road improvement projects on the fast track, creating 7,100 jobs right now.

✓ **Workers are being trained and matched with jobs**

The *MI Opportunity Partnership* is a worker training initiative to train and place unemployed citizens in good-paying, high-demand jobs. In its first year of operation, the Partnership has already matched 107,000 people with job openings.

✓ **Michigan now comes first**

Governor Granholtz continues to demand that the Bush administration enforce fair trade agreements. Governor Granholtz also spearheaded the *Buy Michigan First* initiative, which has resulted in 85 percent of what the state buys being purchased from Michigan-based companies.